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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                              |
| Donald R. Gilbreath         | ) |                              |
|                             | ) | Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M. |
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| Serial No.: 10/723,126      | ) |                              |
|                             | ) | Group Art Unit: 3679         |
| Docket No.: C02-085A        | ) |                              |
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| For: HYDRAULIC HOSE FITTING | ) |                              |
| AND METHOD                  | ) |                              |

Via Fax: (571)273-8300  
The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-5. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for Extension of Time (three-month), an Information Disclosure Statement, and corresponding authorizations to deduct requisite fees from Deposit Account No. 07-0475. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.